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MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF JRC MONTHLY RECONNAISSANCE
SCHEDULE BOOK for FEBRUARY 1965

Subject: Possible Compromise of February 1965
CINCEUR Joint Airborne Reconnaissance
Schedule (TS)

1. Background: The Armed Forces Courier Service has advised CINCEUR that a copy of the CINCEUR Joint Airborne Reconnaissance Schedule for February 1965, destined for TUSLOG Det #50, Turkey was aboard the USAFE C-124 aircraft which crashed near Athens, Greece on 22 Jan 65. CINCEUR advises that the air crash recovery team has thus far been unable to locate subject schedule (classified TOP SECRET) or to verify its destruction as a result of the crash. Therefore, a high probability of loss and possible compromise must be assumed.

2. Based on review of available information pertaining to the loss and considering the classified nature of the schedule, CINCEUR has determined that a complete revision of the Feb 65 schedule will not be accomplished. It is considered necessary however, that sufficient changes be made to alter its pattern and thereby substantially nullify its usefulness if it were in untoward hands. Normal changes to previously published monthly aerial reconnaissance schedules approximate 30%. CINCEUR opines that if this holds true for the February 1965 schedule, it will essentially accomplish the desired pattern change objective. To assist in this regard, operating agencies are being encouraged to make additional changes over and above those normally brought about for operational reasons. The type changes most desired by CINCEUR are: To, take-off time and the day of the month on which the reconnaissance missions were to be flown. All changes in the February 1965 schedule will be coordinated in advance with Hq USAFE.

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3. CINCEUR has made preliminary arrangements to deal with changes necessary in future months' reconnaissance scheduling to compensate for any loss of intelligence resulting from changes to the February 1965 schedule. Action will be taken in this regard by CINCEUR at the next reconnaissance scheduling conference to be held at ROTA, Spain on 11 February 1965 to consider the March 1965 EUCOM reconnaissance schedule.

4. CINCEUR has also taken the added security precaution of directing all agencies concerned with the aerial reconnaissance program to be particularly alert for any indications that the subject schedule might be known to unfriendly countries and to report these indications promptly to CINCEUR.

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